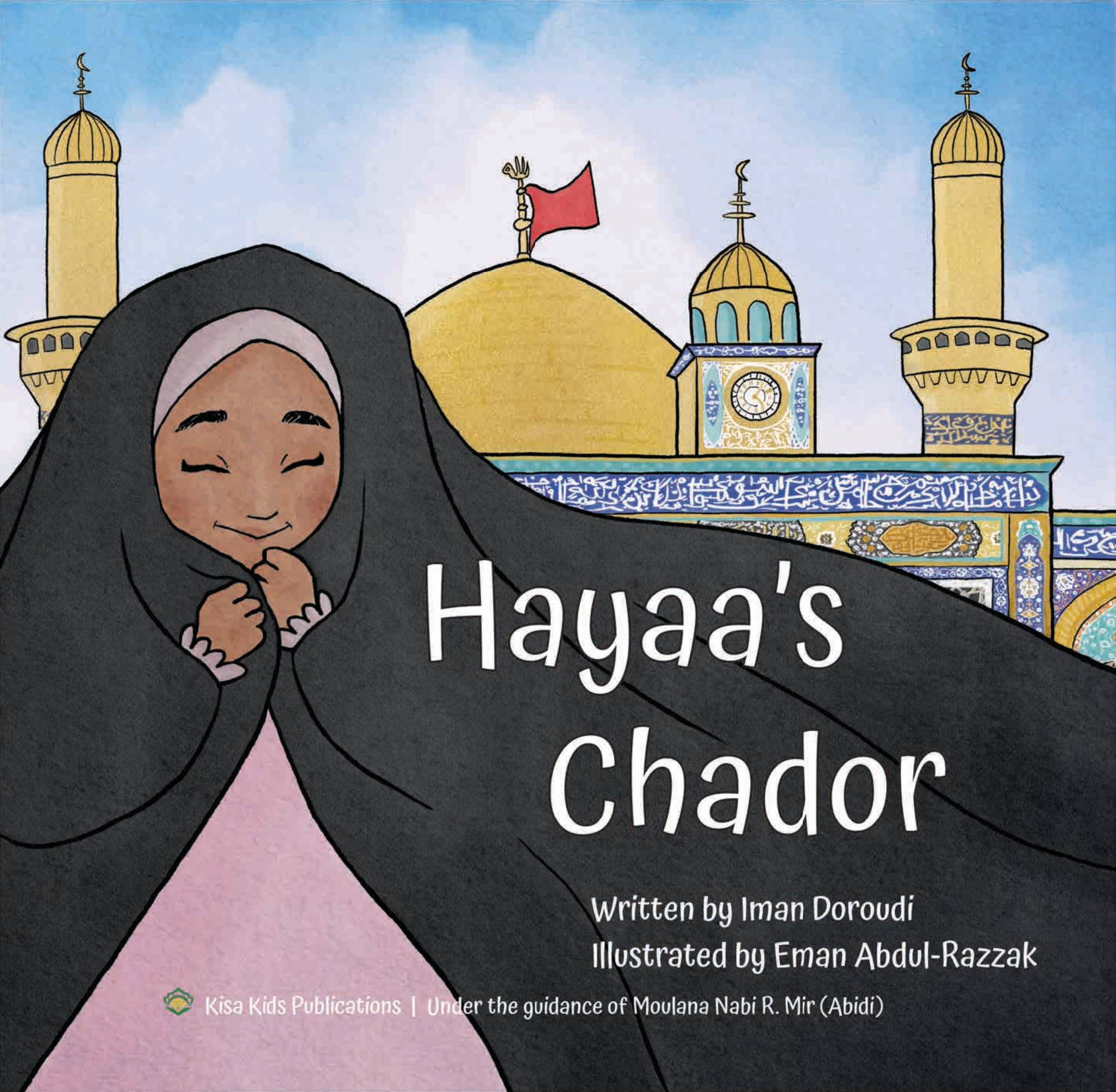




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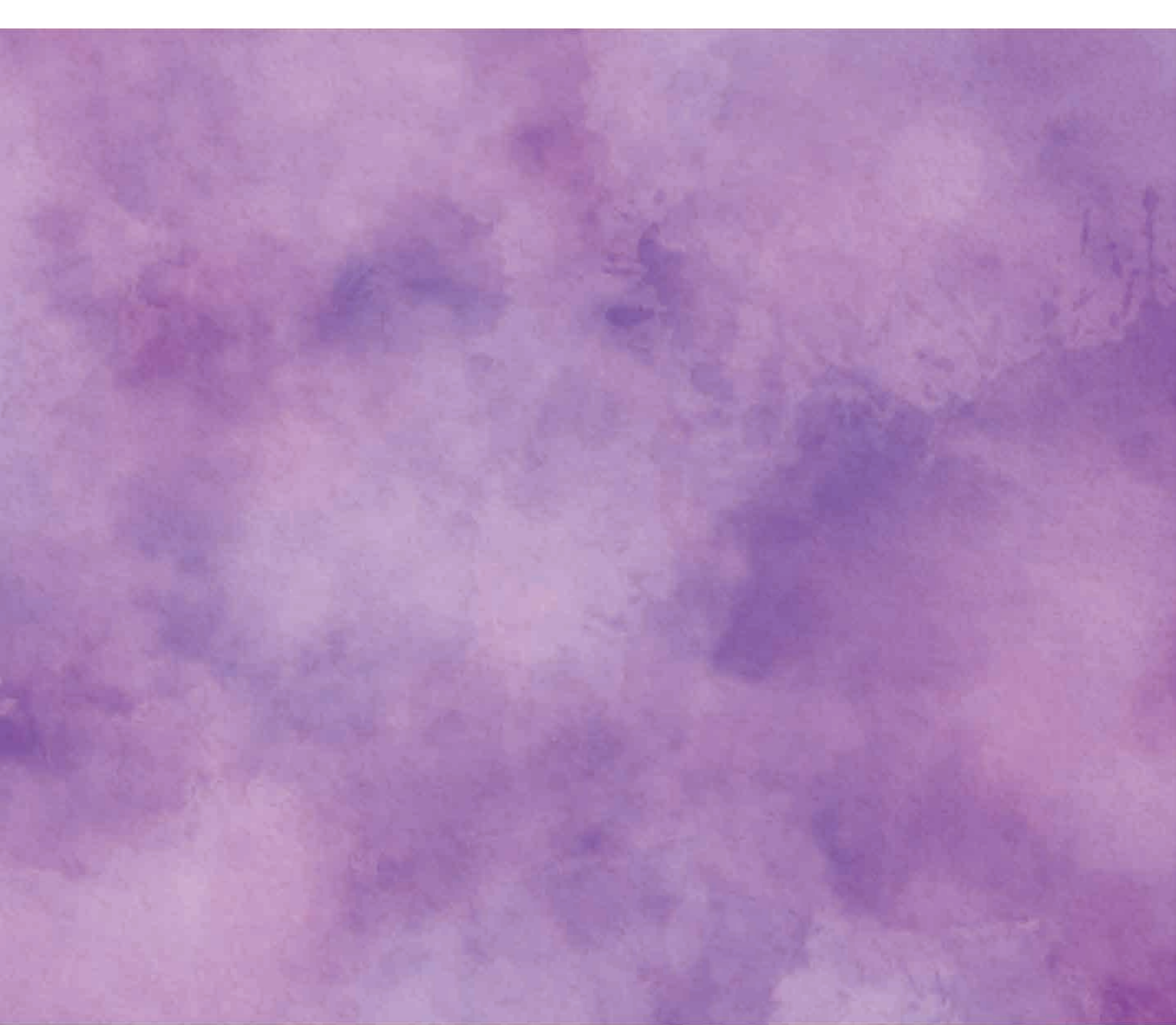
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Dedication

This book is dedicated to the beloved *Imām* of our time (‘aj). May Allah (swt) hasten his reappearance and help us to become his true companions.

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Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ): The pen of a writer is mightier than the blood of a martyr.

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Transliteration Chart

Arabic terms in this book have been transliterated according to the following guidelines*:

ء	a, i, or u (initial form)	ض	ḍ
ء	' (medial or final form)	ط	ṭ
ا	a	ظ	ẓ
ب	b	ع	ʿ
ت	t	غ	gh
ث	th	ف	f
ج	j	ق	q
ح	ḥ	ك	k
خ	j	ل	l
د	d	م	m
ذ	dh	ن	n
ر	r	ه	h
ز	z	و	w
س	s	ي	y
ش	sh	ة	h (without idāfah)
ص	ṣ	ة	t (with idāfah)

اَ	a	آ / اِ / اُ	ā
اِ	i	يِ	ī
اُ	u	وِ	ū
		آ	'ā (medial form)

*Please note that due to limitations, the transliteration is not 100% accurate in capturing tajwīd rules.

Preface

*Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ):
Nurture and raise your children in the best way. Raise them with the love of the
Prophets and the Ahl al-Bayt (‘a).*

Literature is an influential form of media that often shapes the thoughts and views of an entire generation. Therefore, in order to establish an Islamic foundation for the future generations, there is a dire need for compelling Islamic literature. Over the past several years, this need has become increasingly prevalent throughout Islamic centers and schools everywhere. Due to the growing dissonance between parents, children, society, and the teachings of Islam and the *Ahl al-Bayt* (‘a), this need has become even more pressing. Al-Kisa Foundation, along with its subsidiary, Kisa Kids Publications, was conceived in an effort to help bridge this gap with the guidance of ‘*ulamā*’ and the help of educators. We would like to make this a communal effort and platform. Therefore, we sincerely welcome constructive feedback and help in any capacity.

The goal of *Hayaa’s Chador* is to bring awareness to the *chador*, which is sometimes a foreign object to many, particularly those living in the West. The *chador* is not only deeply rooted in Islamic culture, but is also a profound way of being chaste and modest. The name of the protagonist in this story is Hayaa, which eloquently means the outward manifestation of modesty. The internal feeling of modesty is called ‘*iffah*’, and this compels an individual to act, dress, and think with *ḥayā*’ as they are aware of being in the presence of Allah. One external manifestation of this feeling is the *chador*, which is explored in this story. Hayaa sees the *chador* as a norm of society when she performs *ziyārah* and grows to love and adopt the *chador* herself.

We hope that you and your children enjoy these books and use them as a means to achieve this goal, *inshā’ Allāh*.

We pray to Allah to give us the strength and *tawfīq* to perform our duties and responsibilities.

With *Du‘ās*,
Nabi R. Mir (Abidi)



Woosh!

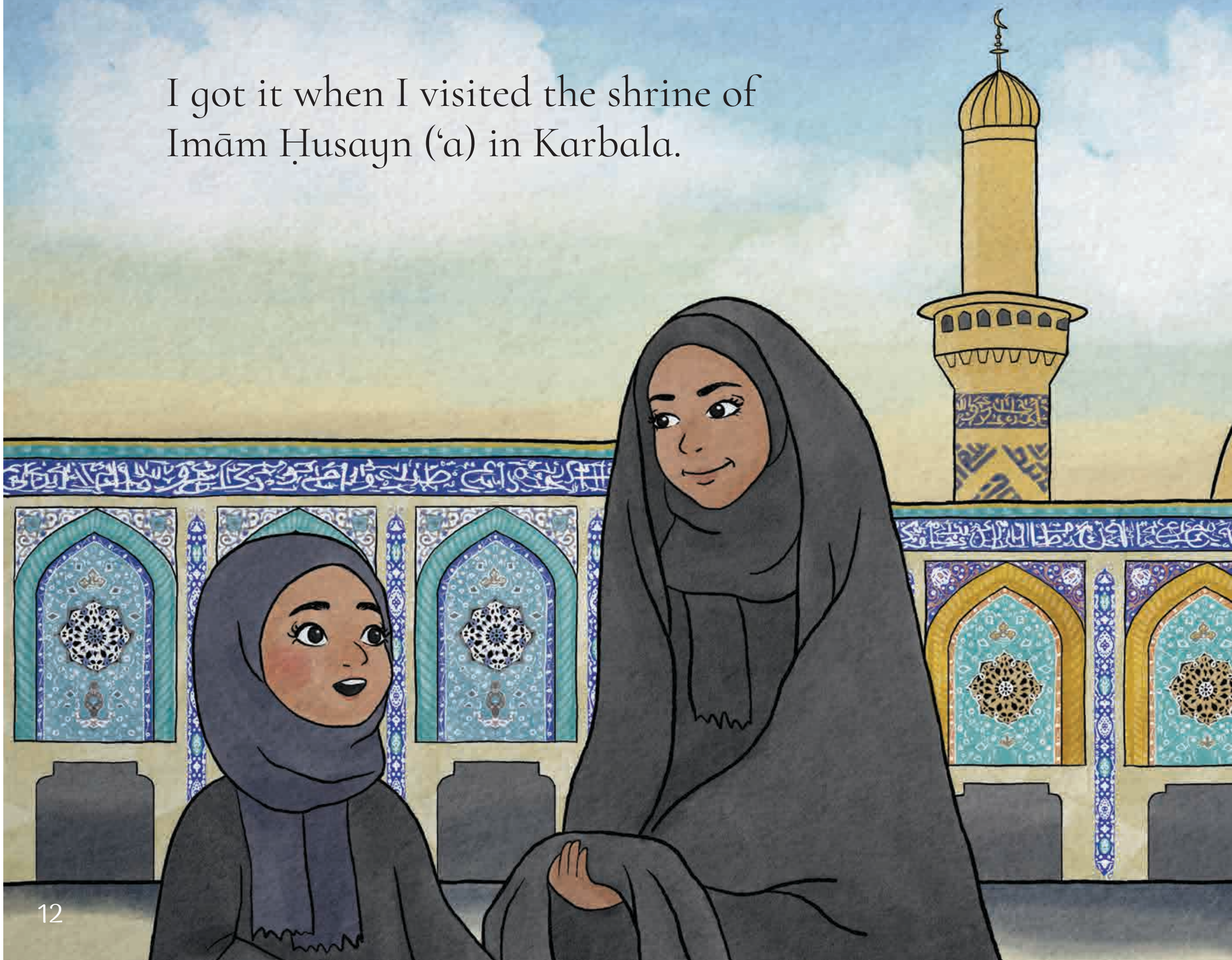




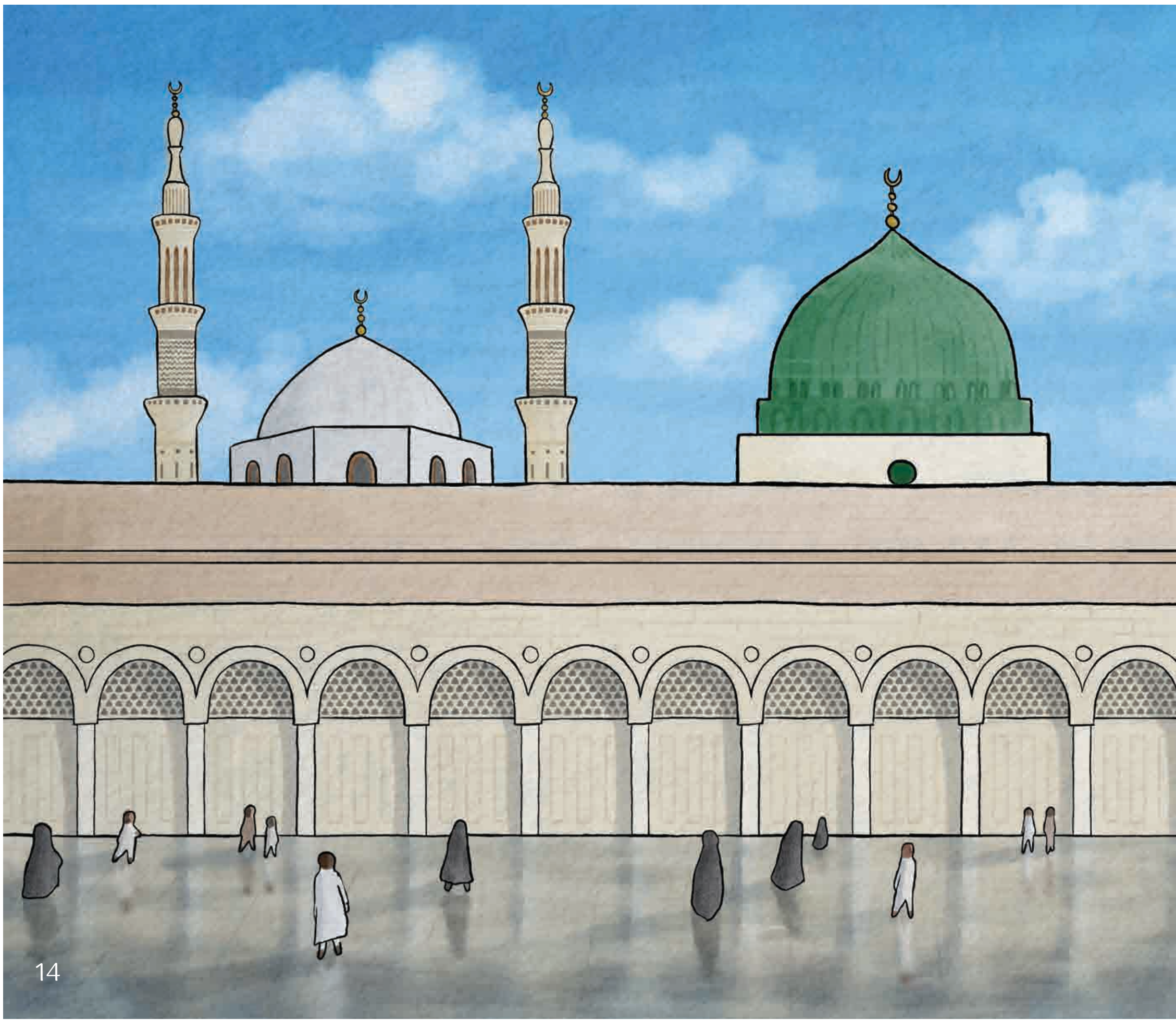
Salāmun ‘alaykum! My name is Hayaa, and this is my *chador*! You put it on the top of your head, put your arms through the holes, and let it fall around you.

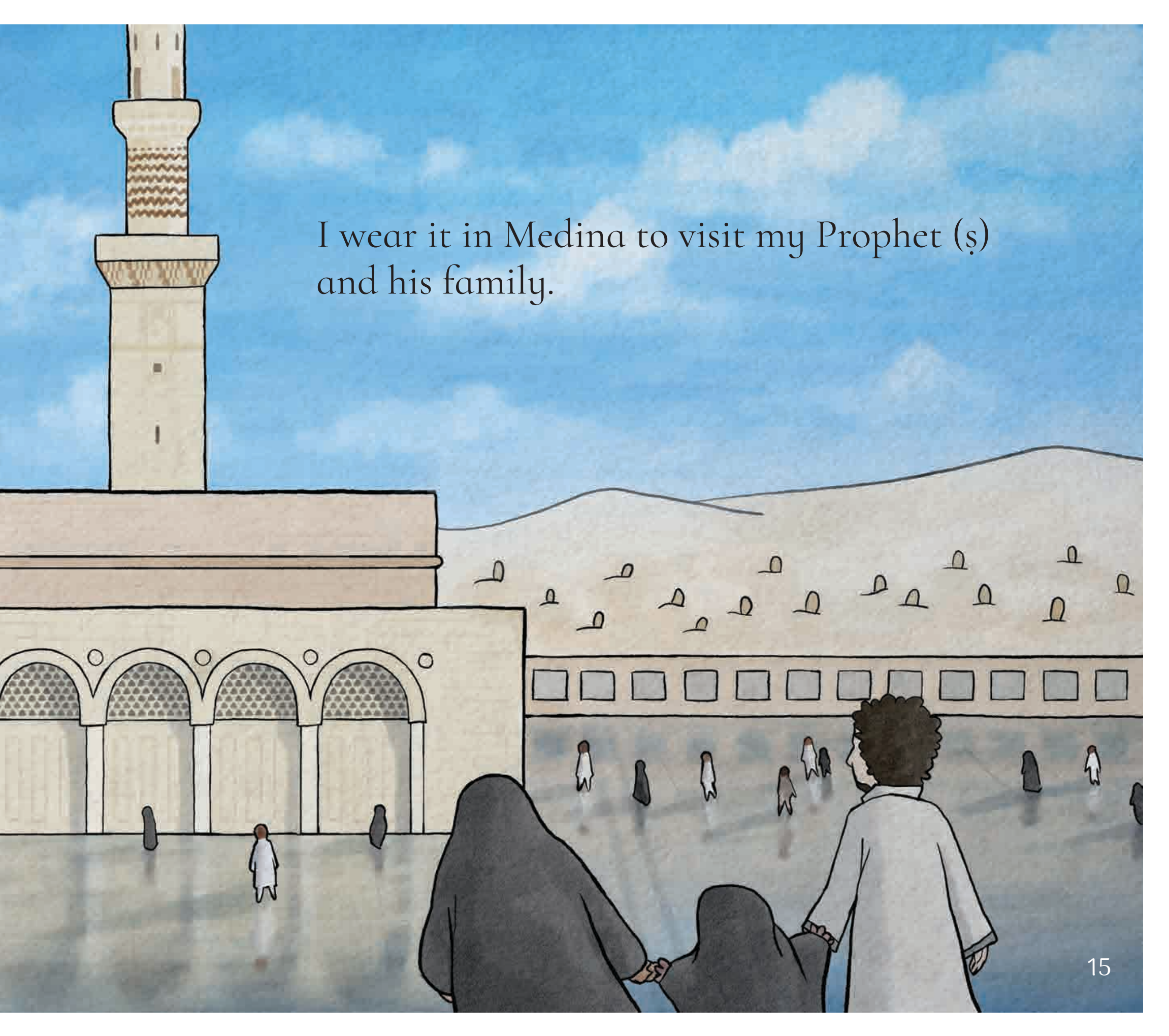


I got it when I visited the shrine of
Imām Ḥusayn (‘a) in Karbala.







An illustration of the Prophet's Mosque in Medina, Saudi Arabia. The scene shows the large courtyard with its arched colonnades and a tall minaret on the left. In the foreground, a man in a white thobe is holding the hands of two women in black abayas, looking towards the mosque. The sky is blue with white clouds, and the background features rolling sand dunes under a clear sky.

I wear it in Medina to visit my Prophet (ﷺ)
and his family.

I wear it for *ziyārah* in



Iraq,



Iran,

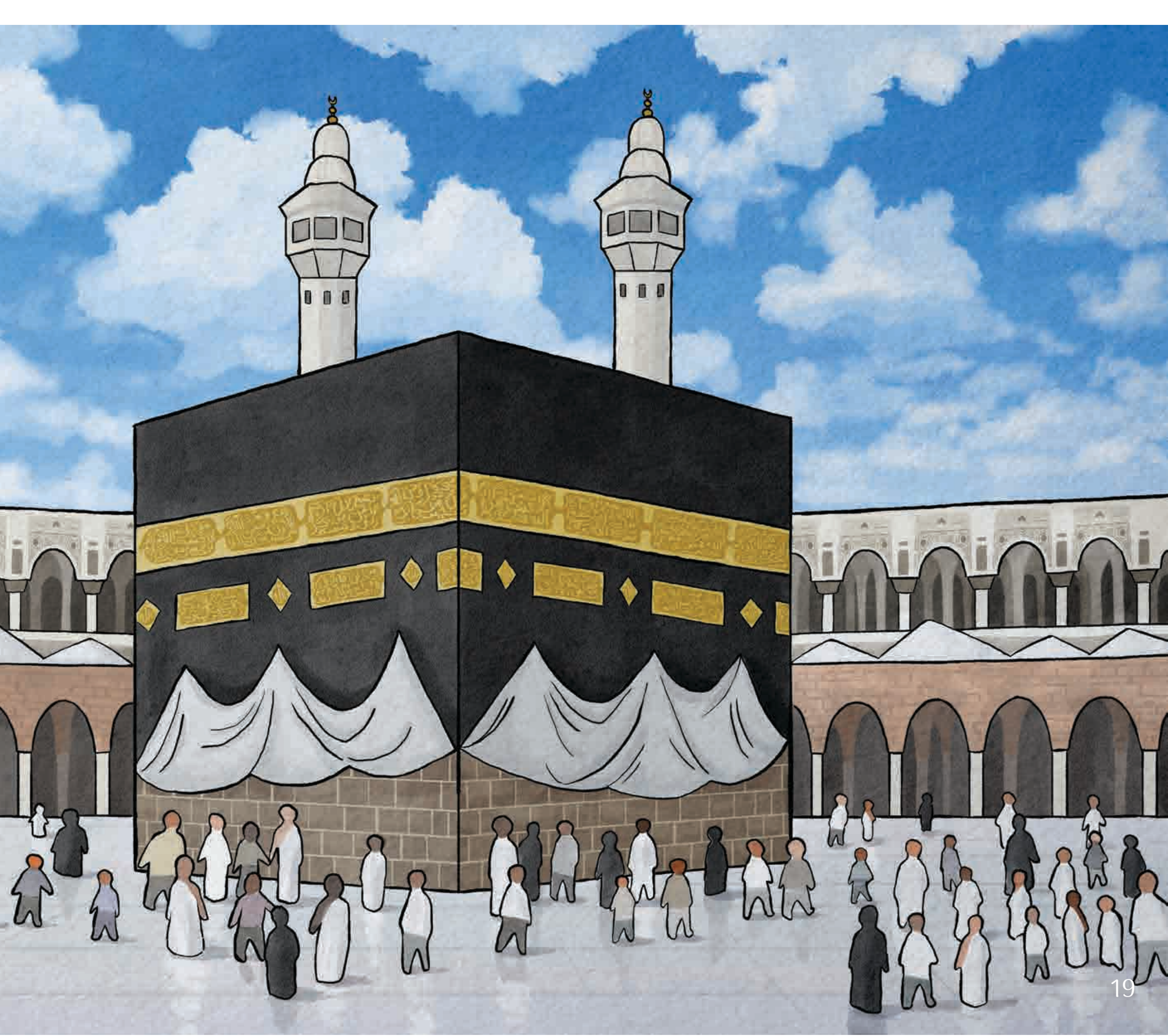


and Syria!

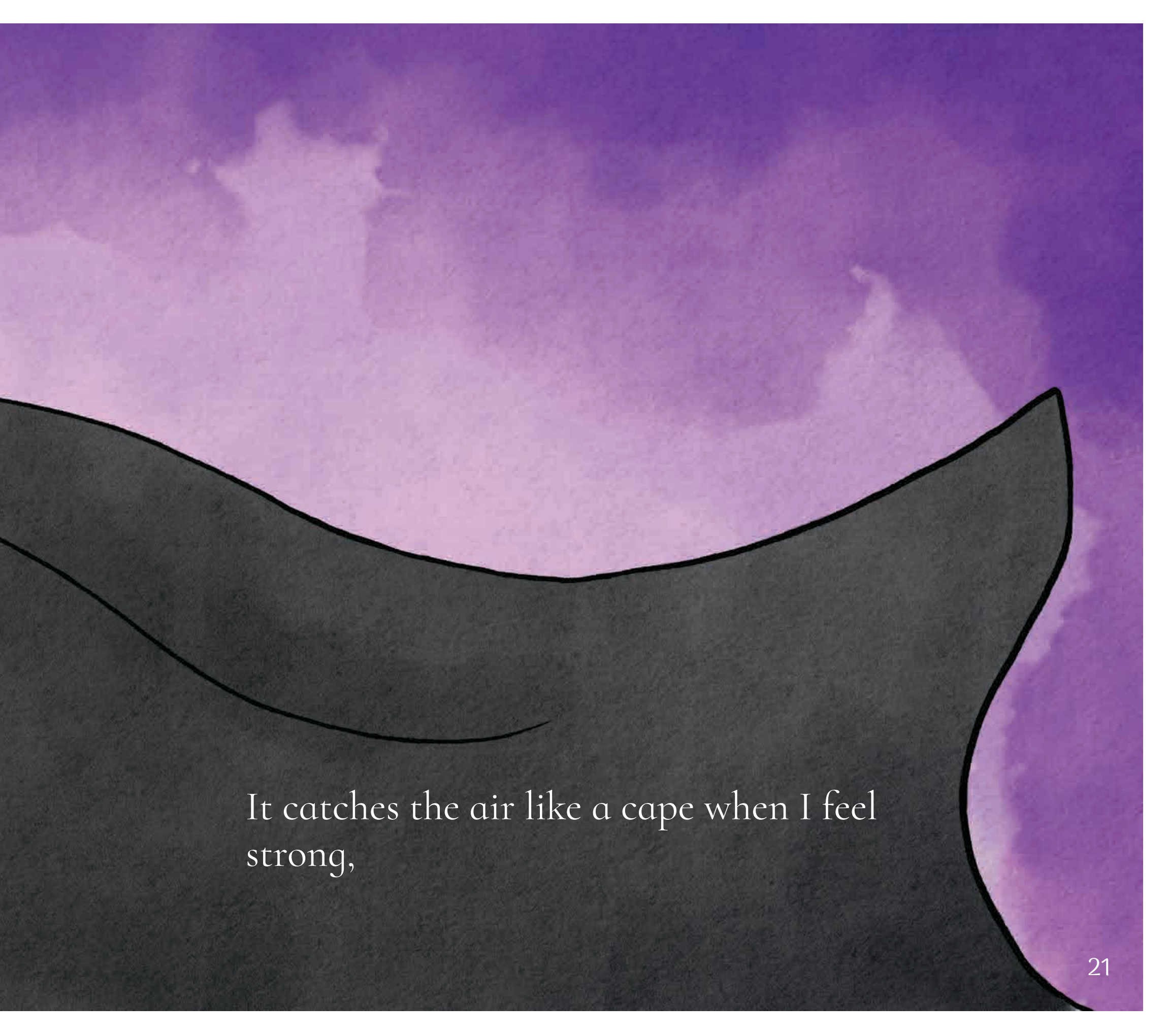


One day, I hope to wear a white chador
for *Hajj*, but for now, I wear it to perform
'umrah!







The background is a deep purple with lighter, wispy clouds. A thick, dark grey or black wavy line curves across the lower half of the image, resembling a horizon or a stylized wave. The text is positioned in the lower-left area of this dark shape.

It catches the air like a cape when I feel
strong,

An illustration showing the lower halves of two people standing side-by-side. The person on the left is wearing a green long-sleeved shirt and blue trousers. Their right hand is visible, resting near the side of their leg. The person on the right is wearing a dark grey or black suit. Their right leg is visible, and a small portion of their right foot is seen at the bottom right. The background is a simple, textured brown. The text "and it wraps around me when I need to feel protected." is written in a white serif font across the upper middle of the image.

and it wraps around me when I need to
feel protected.



I wear my *chador* to the *masjid*,





to *majālis*,

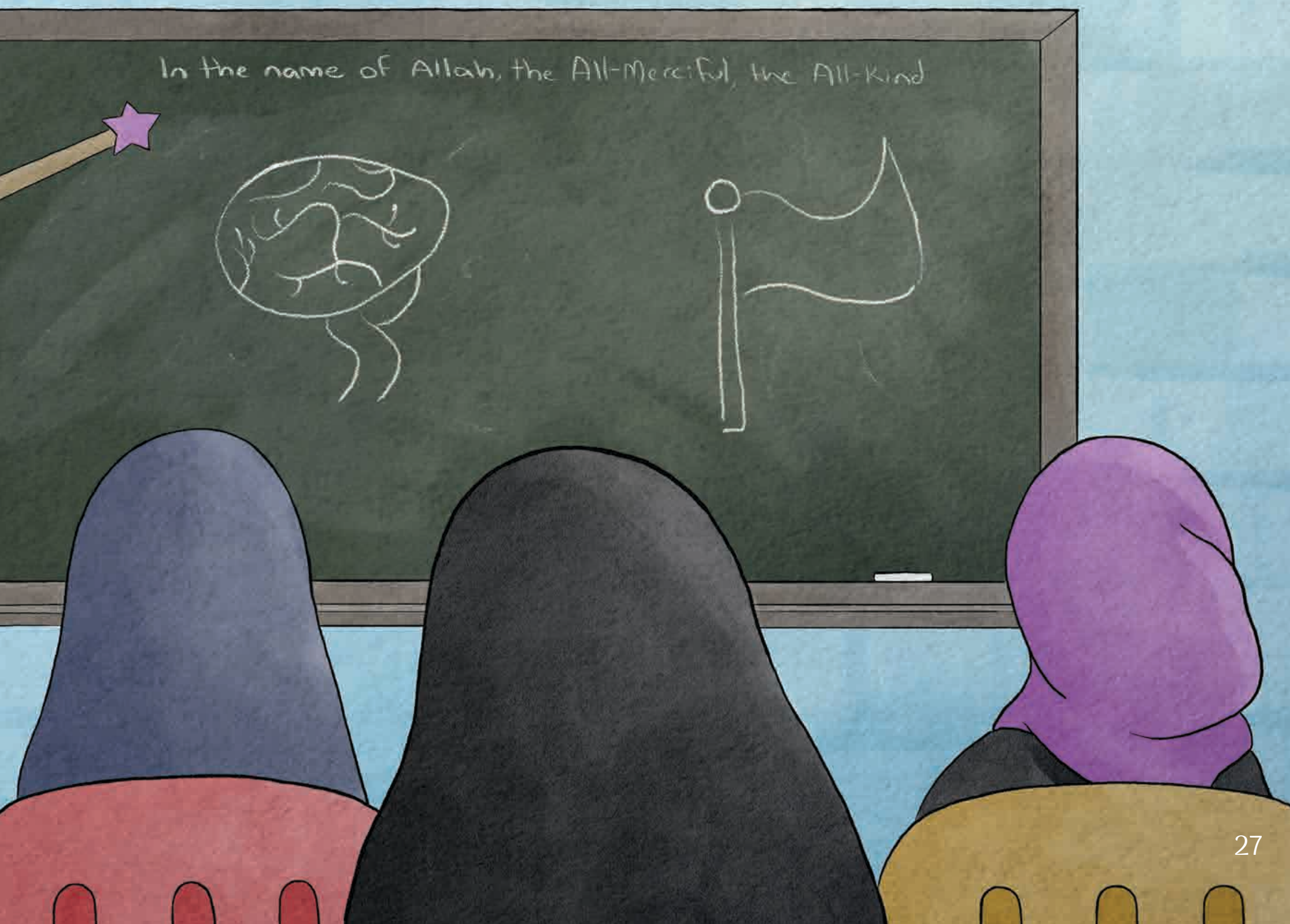


and to Sunday School.

On the weekend, my Islamic Studies teacher, Sister Hamidah, talks about ḥijāb. She says that Allah (swt) asks us to wear ḥijāb, and because Allah created us, Allah knows what is best! She also says that covering up our bodies opens up our minds.



She says, “Wearing ḥijāb is like waving the flag of our faith, and wearing a chador is a more complete way to honor the important ladies of the Ahl al-Bayt (‘a)!”





On Monday, I take my *chador* to show and tell at school. I tell my friends all about it, and I show them how to wear it! I say to the class, “Did you know my name means modesty? I think the *ḥijāb* and *chador* are just right for me!”

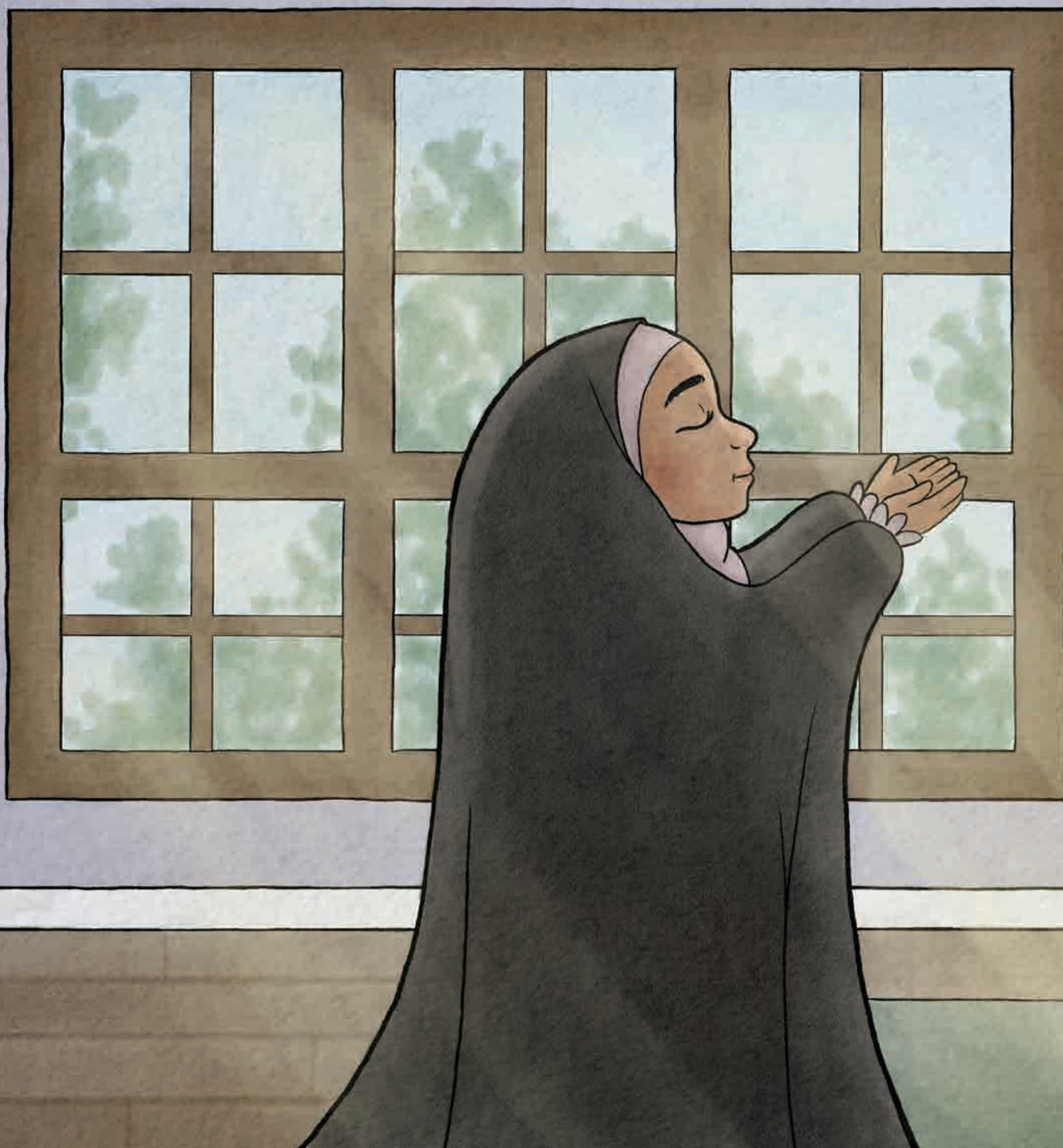


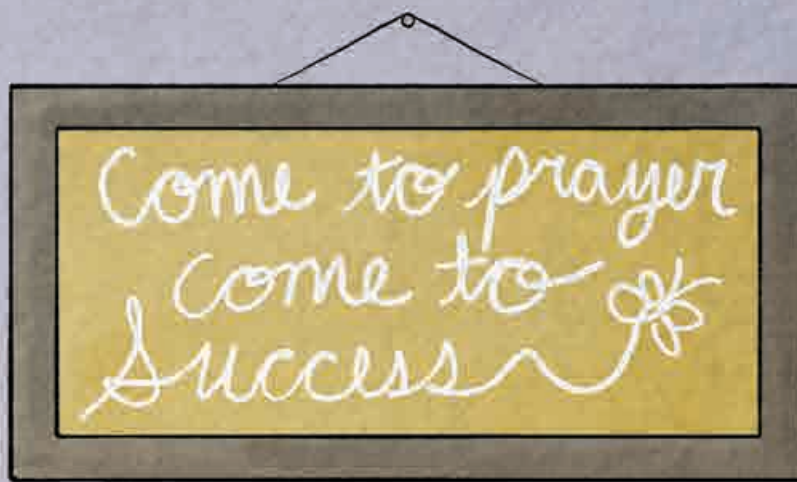
At home, *Baba* says, “Modesty
is important for all people in
the way we talk, dress,
eat, behave, and
more!”



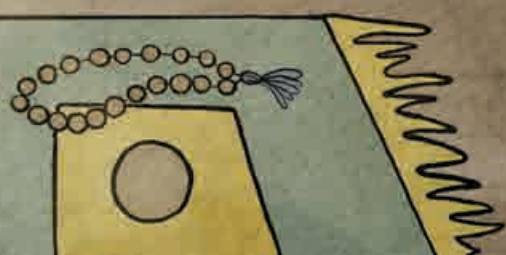
My Mom adds, “The
chador is an extra layer
of *ḥijāb*. It is the best
display of modesty
on the outside.”



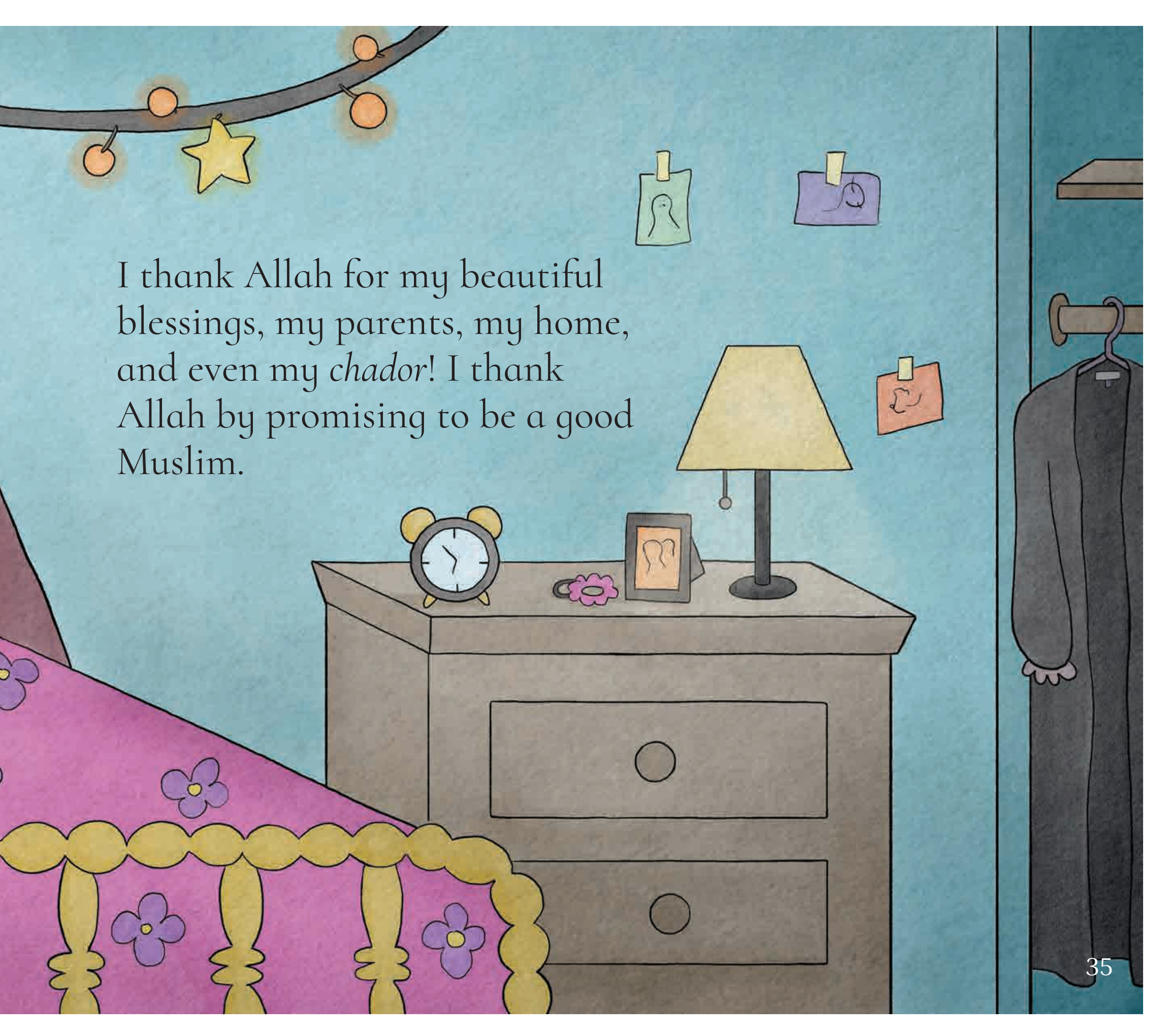




I love my *chador*. I love the way it covers me. It reminds me of my faith. I wear it for Allah.





A child's bedroom scene. In the foreground, a pink bedspread with a yellow scalloped border and purple flowers is visible. In the center, a grey nightstand holds a yellow alarm clock, a pink flower-shaped ring, a small framed photo of two people, and a lamp with a yellow shade. On the light blue wall, three small cards with drawings are pinned, and a string of orange lights and a yellow star hangs from the top. To the right, a grey garment hangs on a hanger.

I thank Allah for my beautiful blessings, my parents, my home, and even my *chador*! I thank Allah by promising to be a good Muslim.

Observing Ḥijāb

Ḥijāb covering
all her hair

Neat, clean
clothes

Full sleeves

Loose, flowy
shirt

Long pants

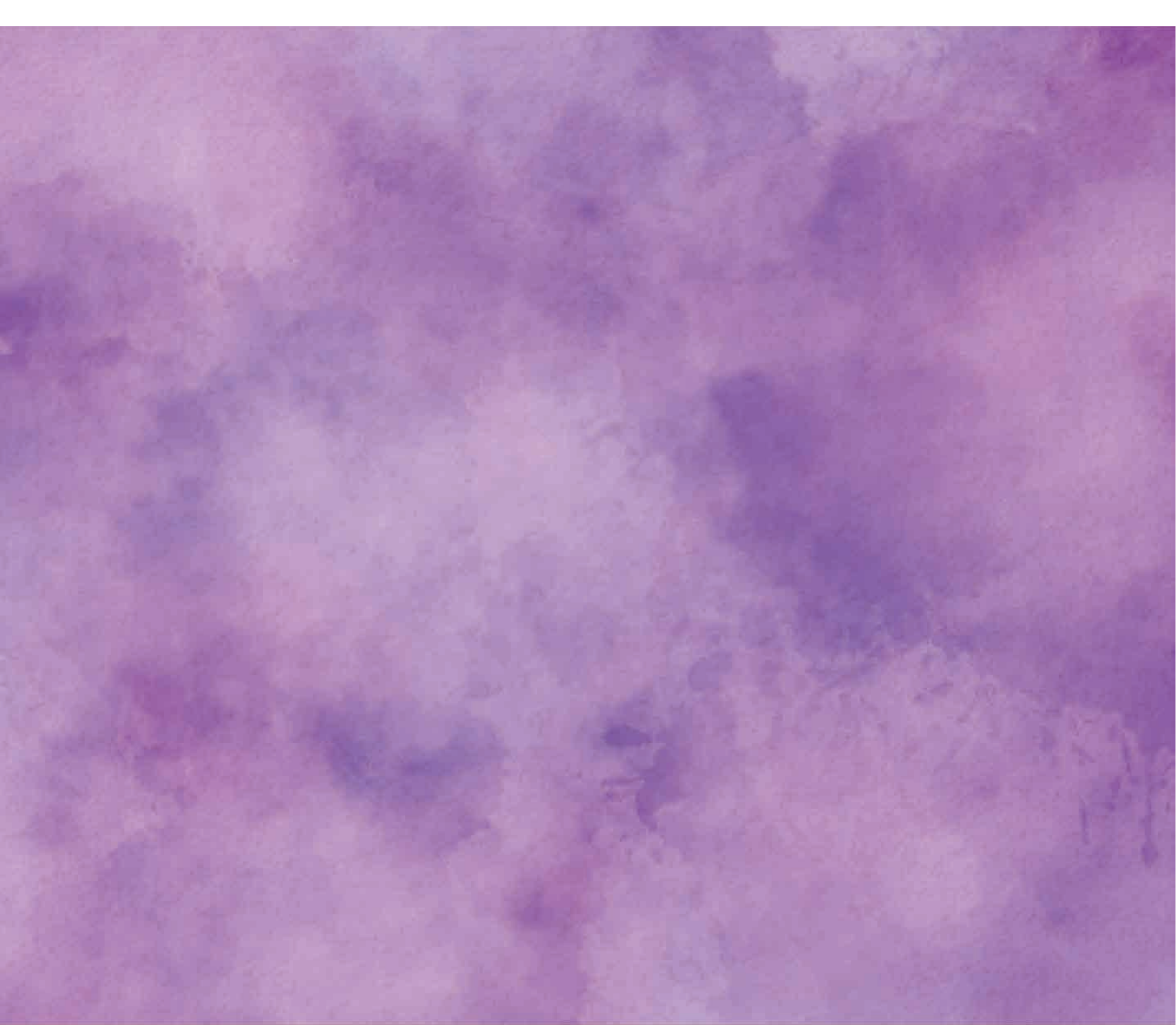
Feet covered



Glossary

(ş):	Peace and blessings be upon Prophet Muḥammad (ş) and his family
(swt):	All glory belongs to God, the Glorified and Exalted
(‘a):	Peace and blessings be upon him/her
(‘aj):	May God hasten his reappearance
Ahl al-Bayt:	Divinely appointed family members of Prophet Muḥammad (ş)
Baba:	Father
Chador:	A large piece of cloth that is wrapped around the head and upper body, leaving only the face exposed, worn especially by Muslim women
Ḥajj:	A pilgrimage to Mecca performed in the 12th Islamic month; it is obligatory on every Muslim once in his/her lifetime if certain conditions are met. Ḥajj is one of the most essential practices of Islam
Ḥijāb:	A state of inner and outer modesty, often referring to the modest Islamic dress code
Imām:	A divinely appointed leader, sometimes refers to a spiritual leader
Majālis:	Gatherings
Masjid:	Mosque
Salāmun ‘alaykum:	Peace be upon you
Ziyārah:	Visiting the house of Allah or the graves of the Noble Prophet (ş), the Imāms (‘a), and other important personalities
‘Umrah:	An optional pilgrimage to Mecca that can be performed almost any time of the year





Hayaa is a young girl who receives a precious gift on her first ziyarah trip: her very own chador! Join Hayaa on her experiences as she comes to treasure this chador, and with it, gain an understanding and underlying appreciation for modesty.

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